

EMS PROVIDER DATABASE:

- **ACTIVE YEARS**

1999 to current

- **MOST RECENT COMPLETE YEAR:**
2003

- **ANNUAL VOLUME:**

Approximately 450,000

- **DESIGN:**

The EMS Provider (EMS) database contains approximately 100 data fields, some of which are not mandatory. Many of the data fields are designed to accept multiple entries. The data fields, their definitions, and their entry requirements (format and rules) are approved by the Emergency Medical Services Commission (EMSC) upon the recommendations of the EMSC's Data Advisory Committee and the EMS Agency with input from the Provider Agency Advisory Committee, and are delineated in the EMS Report Form Reference Manual. All data field issues are regularly reviewed, and modified when necessary to meet system needs.

- **DATA COLLECTION:**

- **Data Source/Data Collection Tool:**

Each of the 38 EMS Provider Agencies completes an approved EMS Report for each patient response. Data is entered into TEMIS in one of two ways:

- By the EMS Provider Agency using keyboard data entry or scanners; or
 - By the EMS Agency using keyboard data entry.

- **Data Import:**

Data files for the EMS Providers who do their own data entry are sent monthly either on a zip disk or via encoded e-mail. The data files are then imported into the central database at the EMS Agency within one week, when they become available for system reporting.

- **Data Entry Requirements:**

- Entry into all fields, including those that are not mandatory, must follow the format and rules for those fields.
 - All mandatory data must be entered within 30 days of the incident.

- **PATIENT INCLUSION CRITERIA:**

- All patients on whom an EMS Report is completed. See [Reference No. 606, Documentation of Prehospital Care](#)